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Title: Issue regarding keeping beards by Muslims in Army.

SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL (DHUBRI): Sir, the regulations of Army issued in 1964 and 1982 allows Muslims to keep their beards, and several courts have also given verdict in favour of it. However, the practice in the Army and in the Air Force is against it. According to a newspaper report, just two days before, several Muslims in Air Force and Army, who kept beard, alleged that they were pressed by higher officers to shave their beards, otherwise they would be terminated.

Sir, this is a very serious matter. This is my request.